



# FALL 2020

## PROGRAM UPDATES



### GENERAL OVERVIEW

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is excited to share that we are reopening a variety of programs and activities to serve the residents of our community. We are offering options for all ages, from preschool to seniors, at locations throughout the city.

We understand that our programs and facilities serve a vital role in our community, and we

worked diligently with Columbus Public Health to develop plans, practices and protocols to safely and securely reopen those options that are most needed by the neighborhoods we support. Our goal remains to provide quality, affordable and accessible programming to the residents of our city, in ways that are safe, support needs and, most of all, are enjoyable.

### KEEPING YOU SAFE

The health and safety of participants and staff is our top priority. We have implemented rigorous, department-wide procedures, which include:

- Registration and class size are limited.
- All participants must complete a waiver form at the time of registration, either online or in person.
- Access to our facilities is limited to registered participants and staff, with the exception of those who are onsite for in-person registration.
- Participants must perform daily wellness checks at home. If you are feeling sick (cough, fever, nausea, runny nose, etc.), you must stay home.

- Face coverings must be worn at all times unless otherwise noted.
- Staff will perform temperature checks on each participant when they arrive at our facilities.
- Social distancing — staying six feet away from others — must be observed at all times, with an understanding of the challenges and limitations for social distancing with very young children and individuals with disabilities.

The full list of COVID-19 precautions for all Columbus Recreation and Parks Department facilities are posted here:

[Columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19/](https://columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19/)

## AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

### Aquatics

The Columbus Aquatics Center is open for water aerobics, open swim and lap swimming. All open swim sessions will require advance registration for scheduled time blocks.

#### Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following precautions when visiting the Columbus Aquatics Center:

- Children ages 14 and under must be supervised by a registered parent/guardian; those ages 8 and under must have a parent/guardian within arm's reach at all times.
- All participants and staff are required to wear

face coverings when entering and exiting the building, while on deck and in common areas, however, they are not required while in the pool.

- While locker rooms will be available for changing, lockers will not be available for use.
- Showers will remain closed until partitions are installed (expected by mid-fall).

#### Registration

- Registration opens Monday, Aug. 31, at 12 p.m., in person and via our online portal, [Activenet](#). Classes and open swim begin Monday, Sept. 14.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/Aquatics](#) or call 614-645-6122.

### Community Centers

Our 29 community centers are providing preschool activities, arts classes, recreational sports (skills and drills only), fitness classes and access to fitness rooms for residents of all ages.

In partnership with Columbus City Schools, several locations are serving as Active Learning Sites that offer time blocks for independent school study and homework assistance. Please check center schedules on Activenet, our online registration portal, for details.

#### Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following precautions when visiting our community centers:

For preschoolers (ages 5 and under):

- One parent/guardian is permitted in the building with a registered preschool student. No other non-registered individual may be on-site. This includes siblings.
- The parent/guardian must wear a face covering while in the building and must remain in the designated area while their child is participating in their program, class or other activity.

- Open Gym will not be available.
- Only non-contact sports will be offered.
- Fitness rooms are available in time blocks. Users must register in advance and must sanitize equipment before and after use.

#### Registration

- **Registration for fitness rooms** opens Monday, Aug. 31, at 9 a.m. Visit [Columbus.gov/Fitness](#) to sign up. Time blocks start Tuesday, September 8.
- **Registration for classes and activities** opens Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m., in person and via our online portal, [Activenet](#). Classes begin Monday, Sept. 14.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/CommunityCenters](#) or call 614-645-3300 and select option 3.

## Cultural Arts Center

The Cultural Arts Center (CAC) is offering classes in painting, drawing, ceramics, jewelry making and more, along with opportunities to explore the main art gallery.

### Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following when visiting the Cultural Arts Center:

- Participants must wash or sanitize hands before entering art studios.
- Participants must sanitize hands before and after using equipment.
- Visitors to the gallery must register in advance for a time block.

- Only one person is permitted in the elevator at a time, with the exception of individuals requiring assistance and families/members of the same household.

### Registration

- Registration opens Saturday, Sept. 5, at 8:30 a.m., in person and via our online portal, [Activenet](#). Classes begin Monday, Sept. 14.

For more information, visit [CulturalArtsCenterOnline.org](#) or call 614-645-7047.

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## Get Active

Get Active members have access to fitness sites and equipment, as well as fitness and yoga classes. Silver & Fit/Active & Fit and Silver Sneakers classes will also be available.

### Additional Safety Precautions

- Fitness rooms are available in time blocks. Users must register in advance and must sanitize equipment before and after use. This includes youth ages 14-17, who must be accompanied by a registered adult.
- Participants must provide their own yoga mats.

### Registration

- Registration for fitness rooms opens Monday, Aug. 31, at 9 a.m. Visit [Columbus.gov/Fitness](#) to sign up. Time blocks start Tuesday, September 8.
- Registration for fitness and yoga classes opens Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m., in person and via our online portal, [Activenet](#). Classes begin Monday, Sept. 14.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/Fitness](#) or call 614-645-3950.

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## Seniors (50+)

Offerings for seniors ages 50 and up include fitness classes, line dance, and arts and crafts. Please note that Martin Janis programming has temporarily moved to Thompson Community Center.

### Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will experience the following when visiting our 50+ and multigenerational facilities:

- No lingering in hallways or common area. Please go directly to your assigned activity room. If finished with activities, please exit the building promptly.

- Registered participants waiting on transportation must wait in the designated waiting area.

### Registration

- Registration opens Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 8:30 a.m., in person and via our online portal, [Activenet](#). Classes begin Monday, Sept. 14. Online registration is strongly encouraged. Contact your community center for assistance if you have issues registering online.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/Seniors](#) or call 614-645-3300 and select option 3.

## Sports

CRPD Sports continues programming into the fall with leagues for softball and kickball.

### Additional Safety Precautions

- Everyone must adhere to social distancing – maintaining six feet of distance – on the fields and in common areas.
- No-touching rules are implemented wherever possible (handshakes, etc.)
- Congregating in parking lots, on sports fields and in common areas is not permitted.

- Bleacher seating is limited and marked for social distancing. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

Please view the full list of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department safety protocols for Sports and sporting events at [CRPDSports.org](https://www.crpdsports.org).

### Registration

- Registration for softball and kickball leagues opens Monday, Aug. 31, at 10 a.m.

Visit [CRPDSports.org](https://www.crpdsports.org) for more information, rules for play and to register your team.

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## Outdoor Recreation

Opportunities for outdoor activities will be available for participants of all ages and abilities, including, hiking, canoeing, wildlife viewing and fishing. Afterschool day camps will be available for participants ages 6-12.

### Additional Safety Precautions

- Some activities, including adventure programming, may require a supplemental waiver. Any supplemental waivers will be available during registration and on-site when you sign in.
- We will share contact information should parents need to contact a staff member who is

on-site during programming.

- Activities will take place outdoors rain or shine; dress for current and variable weather conditions. If a program is cancelled due to severe weather conditions, you will be contacted as soon as possible.

### Registration

- Registration opens Tuesday, Sept 8, at 8:30 a.m., via our online portal, [Activenet](https://www.activenet.org). Classes begin Monday, Sept. 14.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/OutdoorRecreation](https://www.columbus.gov/OutdoorRecreation) or call 614-645-3380.

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## Therapeutic Recreation

Our adaptive and inclusive options include fitness classes, sports skills and drills and the Quest Afterschool Program.

### Additional Safety Precautions

Participants will observe the following precautions:

- Registered participants are expected to clean equipment before and after each use/session.
- Accompanying parent/guardian and or caregiver must be a registered participant, and must remain with registered child/individual at all times.
- Registered parent/guardian, caregivers and

participants waiting on transportation must wait in the designated area.

- Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained in waiting area at all times.
- Only one person is permitted in the elevator at a time, with the exception of individuals requiring assistance and families/members of the same household.

### Registration

- Registration opens Monday, Aug. 31 at 12 p.m., in person and via our online portal, [Activenet](https://www.activenet.org). Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 8.

For more information, visit [Columbus.gov/TherapeuticRec](https://www.columbus.gov/TherapeuticRec) or call 614-645-5648.



## VOLUNTEERS

Interested in volunteering? We have a variety of opportunities available whether you've volunteered in the past or want to start. We have implemented protocols designed to ensure everyone's safety. Email [volunteers@columbus.gov](mailto:volunteers@columbus.gov) for more information.

## CONTACT US

For the latest information and updates, visit [Columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19/](https://Columbus.gov/RecParksCOVID19/), call 614-645-3300 (and select option 3) or follow us on social media.

